

Staff Summary Report



Council Meeting Date: 10/21/10

Agenda Item Number: _____

SUBJECT: Request appointment of Mary Jo Barsetti as a City Court Judge for Tempe Municipal Court and approval of an employment agreement.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20101021ccrr COURT ADMINISTRATION (0501-02)

COMMENTS: N/A

PREPARED BY: Rick Rager, Interim Court Manager, 480-350-8252

REVIEWED BY: Judicial Advisory Board

LEGAL REVIEW BY: David Park, Assistant City Attorney 480-350-8907

DEPARTMENT REVIEW BY: Hon. MaryAnne Majestic, Presiding Judge

FISCAL NOTE: See Contract

RECOMMENDATION: Appoint Mary Jo Barsetti as Municipal Court Judge for a two (2) year term beginning November 1, 2010 and approval an employment agreement.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Judicial Advisory Board was responsible for the recruitment and interview process for the position of City Court Judge. The Council appointed Board members are:

Jennifer Willmott, Esq.-Chairperson
Public Member

Honorable Mark Aceto
Judge, Maricopa County Superior Court

Michael Mason, Esq.
State Bar of Arizona member

James Sampanes, Esq.
State Bar of Arizona Member

Mary Anne Majestic, Presiding Judge
Ex officio Member

The Judicial Advisory Board has oversight of the recruitment and interview process for the position of City Court Judge. The Board screened candidate applications, conducted reference checks and conducted interviews with those candidates that best met the qualifications of the position. The Judicial Advisory Board came to the consensus in recommending to Mayor and Council that Mary Jo Barsetti be appointed as Judge of the Tempe Municipal Court for an initial two (2) year term.